

MUTUAL NETWORK

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(EXCERPT)

Fulton Lewis at 7:00 P.M. over WWDC (Washington) and the Mutual Network:

"Four of the Russian sailors—the four who still remain in this country—were called today before federal immigration officers for a routine examination, and the Russian ambassador to the United States here in Washington, Ambassador Zarubin, personally accompanied them, in the role, he said to reporters, of an observer. They were asked by the Immigration Commissioners whether they wished to return to Russia and they said—Mr. Zarubin in person present—that they never want to return to Russia until Russia is free. When Russia becomes free, they said, when that happens, we will go back.

"Zarubin stayed at the meeting for about half an hour, then alone he left and climbed into the sleek black cadillac limousine, mit a chauffeur yet, and drove back to the Russian Embassy. The four boys stayed about a half hour longer.

"In the meantime, Russia officially notified the United States that Alexander Gurinov, the Third Secretary of the Russian Delegation to the United Nations, who was one of the strong-arm men in the kidnapping of the five sailors in New York and who was declared persona non grata by the United States government day before yesterday, has been recalled to Moscow, will leave the United States soil on May.9. The other of the two strong-arm men went along with the five sailors as a bludgeoning escort.

"Still very much of a cloud in all of this sailor business is the CIA, Mr. Allen Dulles's CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, which is so hush-hush, you know, that it can not even be under the surveillance of a watch-dog committee of the Congress on a confidential basis. And the Immigration Service, which now admits that its officers, who cleared the kidnap operation at Idlewild Airport in New York, could have stopped those five sailors there for two weeks in spite of the Russian escort, which would have been more than enough time for a thorough investigation into the whole business. They failed to do so, however.

"Just another indication of how unhealthy it is to have these sacrosanct agencies scattered around the government with no check of any kind upon their activities or their operations. Try and get to the bottom of the CIO (Sic) failure in this case—the result will be another horrified insistence by them that nobody must be permitted to see inside the doings of the sacred CIA. Here is outward evidence, however, of how ineffective and bungling these doings can be."